



31 OCTOBER 2021—31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAR



“You are not far from
the kingdom of God.”

MARK 12:34 AB

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PLEASE NOTE:

NOV. 1

**SOLEMNITY OF
ALL SAINTS**

Nov. 1 falls on a
Monday this year.
It is not a Holy Day
of obligation.

**NOVEMBER IS
THE MONTH OF
ALL SOULS**

At all Masses on
Sunday, Nov. 7th
we will remember
those who have
entered eternal life
since November
2020

Rev. Paul F. Chateau, Family Pastor

South Oakland Family 5

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Parish Office Phone Number: 248.545.2310 / Parish Fax: 248.545.2312

Parish Email: omophparish@gmail.com / Parish Website: www.omoph.org

Mass Schedule : Sunday 9:00 am in Oak Park and 11:00 am in Ferndale

Tuesday 9:00 am in Ferndale

Thursday 9:00 am in Oak Park (First Thursday of the Month 7pm Mass will replace the 9am Mass)

Sacraments: Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, and Reconciliation Please call the parish office at 248.545.2310

Marriage—Must be active and registered members of the parish for at least 6 months prior to scheduling

Please call the parish office at 248.545.2310.

First Communion and Confirmation Please contact Natalie LaCroix, DRE at 248.533.5424



Saturday, October 30, 2021

Vigil of The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. John C. Cusmano (2011)

Sunday, October 31, 2021

The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am – Oak Park

Special Intention for Mike by Jerry and Fran Kollenberg

Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson

Dick Gadoua by 50+ Club

Anita Palazzolo by Robert and Shirley Peters

11 am – Ferndale

Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

Stanton-Ruiz Family by Yasmin Stanton

Rev. Joseph F. Ryder (2013)

Monday, November 1, 2021

Rev. Thomas P. McWilliams (1995)

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

9 am - Ferndale

Rev. Charles A. Dohring (1969)

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Most Rev. Henry E. Donnelly (1967)

Thursday, November 4, 2021

7 pm – Oak Park

Rev. Robert C. Zerafa (1976)

Friday, November 5, 2021

Msgr. James P. McCabe (1969)

Saturday, November 6, 2021

Vigil of The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Stanley Kasprzyk (1995)

Sunday, November 7, 2021

The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am – Oak Park

Special Intention for Mike by Jerry and Fran Kollenberg

Rhoda Hurley by Cornelius Henderson

Joseph Popa by Carol Fliger

Steve Popa by Carol Fliger

Robbie Wilder by Dorothy and William Babbage

11 am – Ferndale

Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis

Stanton-Ruiz Family by Yasmin Stanton

Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Seiler

by daughter Maureen and husband Robert

Bert and Marie Abernathy by Susan Abernathy

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PRAYER LISTS

The Church calls us to lift our brothers and sisters up in prayer when they are sick or struggling. The Parish continues to receive word about our parishioners who are ill, and we also receive requests about their well-being by others and ask why their names are not published. Since some of the members of our parish request that their names not be published when they are ill it becomes difficult. We strive to respect everyone's privacy along with trying to provide prayer support to all. We hope to list the members of our parish who are currently in need of our prayers, a visit, a note, or a phone call. To add a name to the listing, please contact the person first to make certain they want such information published and then contact the parish office at 248.545.2310. If you wish prayer during a time of illness or difficulty for yourself or for a family member, please contact the office by e-mail at omophparish@gamil.com or by phone at 248.545.2310. Names will be kept on the list for 4 weeks. Contact the parish office, at 248.545.2310, if you wish a name to remain on the prayer list for an additional four weeks.

Prayer REQUESTS

Pray for Our Sick, Their Families and Caregivers, and the Special Intentions of Our Parishioners

Michael Kollenberg, David Doig, Chuck Yodhes, Susanne Smith, Judy Chmielewski, Margaret Devereaux, Michelle Ciambelli Milewkovic, Vera McBride

Pray for Our Men and Women Serving in the Military

1st Lt Jacob Ashmore-USAF, Cpt Jonathon Ashmore-USMC, Sgt Cory Berry-US Army, LtCOL Thomas Goedert-USMC, Matthew Pelletier-USAF, Sgt Douglas Raven-US Army, COL David Rogers-US Army, COL Thomas Rogers-US Army, PFC Edy Silveira de Souza-USMC, Staff Sgt. John W. Tomassi-USAF, AB Ashley N. Vozel-USAF, SSG Noah Reiter-US Army, HM2 Maura Curtin—Navy, CPT Matthew Carey-USAF, HN Autumn-Kyoko Cushman--US Navy

UNITED IN FAITH, LOVE AND SERVICE TO OTHERS

OUR MISSION—*Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish is a welcoming and nurturing Catholic community building up the Body of Christ through prayer and service.*

OUR VISION—*Our vision is to be an extraordinary spiritual gathering place where people of all backgrounds and ages are welcome to question and learn, pray, worship, and serve. In community through prayer and worship, we hope to continue to grow together in our understanding and appreciation of God's love. We strive to change and improve our lives and the lives of others.*

***How do you live out
our mission and vision?***

IS HALLOWEEN A PAGAN HOLIDAY OR A CATHOLIC ONE?

The short answer: nowadays, a little bit of both. But it wasn't always that way. Halloween and All Saints' Day are closely connected. In the 800s, the Catholic Church began celebrating All Saints' Day. It was originally called All Hallow's Day or Hallowmas. The celebration began early on All Hallow's Eve. But if Halloween is really about the saints in all their victorious glory, where do we get haunted houses, costumes, and pranks?

All Saints' Day became associated with the other deceased rather quickly. November 2nd is All Souls Day, where we pray for the souls in purgatory. Throughout the European world, especially with the Celtic and Germanic peoples, the dead were honored in the autumn months. The Celtic pagan celebration of Samhain had its own folk rituals and occurred around the same time as these Catholic feast days.

Within the last few hundred years, this included dressing in disguise and going door to door, asking for food in exchange for a rhyme or poem. Some people masqueraded as "dark" spirits and pulled pranks on others. Today's celebration of Halloween tends to take on these later practices, rather than the original meaning of celebrating the saints. But remember ... this feast was Catholic first!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCT. 31, 2021

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40a

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [1b]/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCT. 31, 2021

Sunday: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday; All Hallow's Eve

Monday: All Saints

Tuesday: Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed; All Souls' Day; Election Day

Wednesday: St. Martin de Porres, Religious

Thursday: St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Saturday: BVM

Next Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Vocation Awareness Week; Daylight Saving Time Ends

FAITH FORMATION PERSPECTIVES FOR OCTOBER 31—31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT (Mk 12:28-34)

One of the scribes comes to Jesus and asks him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replies, "This is the first:" and Jesus recites the opening verses of the 'Shema' prayer, "Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! ..." (Dt 6:4-5) and Jesus continues, "This is the second, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Lv 19:18) "There is no other commandment greater than these."

The 'Shema' is prayed as a morning and evening prayer by Jewish men. Jewish women are not obligated to recite this prayer. The Hebrew word 'Shema' translate to 'hear' or listen up. This prayer reminds the Jewish faithful that their Lord is God alone and not like the many deities of the pagan gods. The faithful are to love the Lord with 'all' their hearts, souls, minds, and strengths. (Dt 6:4-5) The 'Shema' continues with instructions in their love of the Lord. (Dt 6:6-9)

Jesus adds to the question of the first of all the commandments to also love one's neighbor as oneself. (Lv 19:18) The Law of the Jewish people contains 248 - do's and 365 - don'ts with distinctions between the great and small commandments. By making a radical connection between the love of the Lord God and the loving of one's neighbor, Jesus adds a new dimension of how one is to love the Lord God and his neighbor. This is how the greatest commandment is to be lived out.

The scribe agrees with what Jesus presents and the scribe confesses that the love of God and of neighbor, "is worth more than any burnt offering or sacrifice." A scribe holds a respected position in the Jewish community. He is often a Pharisee in religious practice and belief. He is regarded as a scholar for his knowledge of the Law and Judaism and sometimes as referred to as 'rabbi.' Jesus commends this scribe for his insight of loving the Lord God and loving of neighbor being of greater importance than burnt offerings and sacrifices at the Temple in Jerusalem. (see 1 Sam 15:27 and Hos 6:6) Jesus tells the scribe that he is not far from to the reign of God.

Those who witnessed the dialogue between Jesus and the scribe did not have the courage to ask Jesus any other questions.

A note: The exchange between Jesus and the scribe was amiable and not hostile as in other exchanges between Jesus and the Pharisees, the Sadducees, and the scribes.

This week read Dt 6:4-5 and Lv 19:18 and in pondering on the greatest commandment, reflect on how far are you from the reign of God.



By Leonard Piasta, FFC Chair

SUPPORT OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

A BIG THANK YOU to all of those who have continued to support our parish. **Offertory is down and the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have a direct impact on our ability to pay our monthly bills.** Contributions may be mailed to the parish office at 13500 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, MI 48237. You may also securely and safely donate online via our website or from the parish mobile app. Call Chuck White, Finance Council Chair, at 734.635.2598, if you have any questions about online giving.

OFFERTORY FOR FY 2021-2022:

	Oct. TD	YTD
Offertory Amount	\$10,440	\$54,706
Over/(Under) Prior Year	(\$3,685)	(\$17,073)
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$3,579)	(\$20,062)
Week of 10-17-2021 Offertory total: \$2,696.00		
On-line giving totaled \$2,335.00 and drop off, mailed in, and dropped in offertory basket, envelopes totaled \$8,105.00 for a grand total for 3 weeks of October deposits totaled \$10,440.00.		
THE 2021 CSA GOAL FOR THE PARISH IS: \$37,746.00		
AS OF 10-17-2021:	113 PLEDGES RECEIVED	
	106 FULLY PAID	
TOTAL PLEDGED:	\$57,260.66	
TOTAL PAID:	\$69,435.66 [approx. 184% of goal]	
TOTAL REFUND TO DATE:	\$31,689.66	
REFUND DUE PARISH:	(\$7,495.00)	
refunds issued:	\$39,184.66	

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UPDATED COVID-19 GUIDELINES LITURGICAL PROTOCOLS

On August 17, 2021 The Archdiocese issued updated COVID 19 Guidelines related to Liturgical Protocols to reduce exposure to COVID-19. As Oakland County is an area of high transmission of COVID-19 we have implemented the following protocols for all Masses and other liturgical celebrations:

- Masks wearing for all Mass goers, regardless of vaccination status
- Establish an area where social distancing is observed
- Hang signage indicating masking and social distancing are encouraged
- Evaluate space for our musicians, and those who are unvaccinated won't participate as a musician at this time
- Retain sanitization/face covering surrounding the distribution of Holy Communion

The faithful are reminded that particular dispensations from the obligation to participate in Holy Mass remain in effect for people who are ill or who find themselves in other specific circumstances.

More information is available at: aod.org/emergencyresponse

IN THE WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS ... *“Jesus asks us to immerse ourselves compassionately in the lives of those we meet as He has done with us. God is love and love is humble, it does not exalt itself, but descends like the rain that falls to the earth and brings life.”*

COSMOLOGICAL VIEW OF SACRAMENTAL LIFE

How are the universe and sacraments related? Sister Linda Gibbler, OP, a Dominican Sister of Houston, explores this connection in her virtual presentation, “A Cosmological View of Sacramental Life.” Her presentation is from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST on Saturday, November 13, 2021.

Sister Linda draws on scientific cosmology and Catholic tradition to discuss creation as the original source of divine revelation and the root of sacramental life. Through stories, lecture, and conversation, she explores how the incarnational presence of God extends to the ends of the universe and touches everything.

The cost is \$35. Registration is required to receive the live stream link. Register at www.webercenter.org; click on “programs.” Registrations may also be made by calling 517-266-4000 or emailing webercenter@adriandominicans.org.

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